

THE HERALD

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Greetings Church Family,

I hope you are all doing well and enjoying the blooming onset of Spring.

As we journey through Holy Week toward Easter Sunday, I pray that your Lenten season has been filled with God's abundant blessings. I trust that you have experienced the depths of God's mercy and grace as we have walked with Jesus through the wilderness.

On Palm Sunday, we read about Jesus entering Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. The promised Messiah did not choose the extravagant trappings of wealth and power; instead, he embodied the symbol of peace and humility. Jesus came to establish a kingdom of peace—a heavenly kingdom, an eternal kingdom.

This is the King that entered Jerusalem "triumphantly," carrying God's divine light, only to have that light extinguished by week's end. From a celebration of hope to a public execution at the hands of an angry mob, Jesus, himself, experienced the best and worst of the human experience. This week is a big week for the church, because it was a big week for Jesus.

Liturgically speaking, the story that began on the first Sunday of Advent with the blessed hope of a Savior reaches its climax this week, as the very one who came to bring the world hope, peace, joy, and love is nailed to a Roman cross, raised up, and hung to die among criminals. It's hard to watch; how could the very one that came to redeem and show humankind "the way" to abundant life lose his life?

Herein lies the mysterious message of Lent... "Those who try to make their life secure will lose it, but those who lose their life will keep it. (Luke 17:33; Matthew 10:39; John 12:25; Matthew 16:25; Mark 8:35–37; Luke 9:24–25) By the time we make it to Good Friday, it seems like evil has won and all hope is lost! Easter's response to this loss of life and hope is RESURRECTION!

This week, our Lord will be betrayed, led away, and railroaded by an unjust legal system before being tried and convicted of, of all things, blasphemy. He will be mocked, stripped, and bludgeoned beyond recognition at the hands of an angry mob. He will be executed in the cruelest way imaginable.

As he hangs between the heavens and the earth, the human Christ cries out to God, "My God, my God, why have YOU forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34) Darkness has fallen upon the whole of creation. But Sunday is coming!

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Pastor Corey

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We are seeking to reach beyond ourselves by Inviting others to a Life in Jesus, Growing as Disciples, and Caring for People.

MISSION

MINISTRY TEAM

Every Member Minister Pastor **Rev.** Corey Burns Allison Haley Music Dr. Amy Holder Children Dr. Amy Holder Nursery Dr. Hardin Coleman Youth Joy Overby Church Administrator Jane Doss Pianist **Shirley Rossano** Organist Mary Layton Children's Place Director Susan Kane **Church Secretary**

THOSE SERVING

FINANCIAL

MARCH Jane Cash/Robin Kirkland/ George Armstrong

APRIL David Latham Debra Barrentine

Blake Wright

ALTAR GUILD

MARCH Martha Chapman Robin Kirkland

APRIL Shalyn Benson Martha Chapman

SOUND SYSTEM/ AUDIO VISUAL

Byron Burton Leisha Holland Kameron Brown



No Messy Church this week. See you Next week!

WEEK ENDED March 24, 2024 995

Worship Attendance

In person Worship:

10:00am

Mercy Place, Children & Youth Ministry,

& Special Services

UStream Channel (website), Facebookradio, and radio/tv Broadcast.

ROLLING STONES

I was listening to an Easter Message on a Podcast where a common statement peaked my interest. The speaker said excitedly, "and the stone had rolled away!" Now, I know I am just picking nits because that is absolutely the greatest news in the history of news. But...the stone didn't roll away...the stone was rolled away. Stones don't roll on their own; it takes force, intentionality, and purpose to make a big rock roll. God removed that stone to reveal our eternal freedom from sin and His unconditional love for each one of us.

So, as we approach this last week of Lent and enter a Holy Week of hope, repentance, and joy, let us be sure that any stones that stand in the way of Jesus are rolled away. I pray God will rid us of all pride which can seem an insurmountable obstacle to move at times. Lay down all apathy, intolerance, and selfishness that can keep us entombed in shame and an unsurrendered state. I pray that we experience a mighty rumbled of rolling stones revealing all of Jesus and His love, forgiveness, and peace.

I look forward to our Holy Week Worship opportunities and am very proud of Gracy Coley and Alex Holder bringing the Easter Sonrise Message. God is moving stones, hearts, and our congregation in mighty ways; thanks be to God. Blessings, Hardin



Fresh Tulips & Candy... Sweet Surprises for a Monday Morning! Thank you Mary K.



Lenten Lunch & Lesson! This week, we had the privilege of hosting our neighbors at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, as we shared in great food & even better fellowship! Rev. Scott Peterson discussed Capernaum and shared of his experiences in ministry there.



UnityYouth



A Mercy Minute

We will not be having a Celebrate Recovery Service this Thursday but instead invite all who would attend to join us in the Sanctuary for the Maundy Thursday Service at 6pm. This reverent time of reflection is a reminder of the events at Christ's Last Supper bringing us into a mindset of humility, selflessness, and service and preparation for Good Friday. Blessings, Hardin



The Agape Circle will mee



The **Agape Circle** will meet Tuesday at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall. The devotion is led by Debra Brickley and Mary K Carlton has the program. She has 3 foreign students from Scottsboro High School that will share about their country and customs.

Please come and support these students and UMW.

PRAYER CONCERNS & PRAISES

Our Community, Our Nation/World Community, U.S. Troops, Healthcare & First Responders, Our Schools

Our Church Family

Ben Beasley David Beattie Dru Beattie Mary Ruth Bennett Linda Bray Byron Burton Amanda P. Bryars Nancy Campbell Maria Copeland Winfred Cotton family Ashlee Dunsmore Ralph & Libby Franklin Arlene Grede Diane Grider Gene Holder Sue Livingston Vonda Proctor Barbara Rogers Ann R. Sanders Rick Sanders Gary Stewart Tal Thomas Tony Wallingsford Virginia Wallingsford

Our Church Friends

Lisa H. Barfoot family Keith Berry family Angie Bledsoe Brenda Burns Suzie Bodah family Melanie Carlton Charles & Frances Dawson Heidi Davis Holly Sims Donham Wendall Dudley Helen D. Gessey family John Haislip family Anna Holly

Buck Irvin Alice Jenkins family Jessica Kane Joan Lee Martin Leavitt Jean McConnell Karla Mayhew family Thomas A. Mullins Pam Murphy Virgil Overby Shirley Palmes family Beverly Patalas Leigha Phillips Jackie Rector Vivian Royston family Janet Sprouse Unspoken for a Friend Rebekah Vallejos Donna Vincent Lee Ann Walker Judi Weaver Jarren Webb Gary Wood



All our members who are homebound, at assisted living facilities, and nursing homes:

HIGHLANDS Faye Wallingsford

> HUNTSVILLE Harold Jensen

RIVERSIDE @ DECATUR JoAnn Sims

ROSEWOOD MANOR Virginia Wallingsford

SOUTHERN ESTATES

Susan Barnes Shirley Haislip Bob Hodges Jo Smith Don Wright Martha Lou Wright

HUNTSVILE PRIVATE

<u>CARE</u> Tom Bonner Joanne Stewart

HOME Faye Berry Revia Melton Marilyn Reed

MARYVILLE, TN Dorothy Hopps





Noon This Friday, March 29, *(Jerusalem)* First United Methodist Church Meal Host: Sunday School Classes









Sunday, March 31 Easter Day

6:30am **Sonrise Service** @ Amphitheater 7:30am Hot breakfast provided by UMM in FH 8:45am Sunday School

10:00am Easter Day Worship—Sanctuary No Evening Activities

Monday, April 1

Tuesday, April 2

10:00am AGAPE Circle—Fellowship Hall 6-9pm Community Band @ Fellowship-FH

Wednesday, April 3

1:00pm Nourish One Child @ Fellowship Campus 5:30-7pm Messy Church-meal & lessons-FH 6:30pm Voice of the Heart class - Small group **Thursday, April 4** 5:30pm Mercy Place Meal -FH 6:00pm Mercy Place Worship-Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Voice of the Heart Class

Friday, April 5

Saturday, April 6 2-4:00pm Bridal Shower honoring Savannah Latham in Fellowship Hall-Join us

Sunday, April 7

8:45am Sunday School 10:00am Worship—Sanctuary 5:30-7pm 1st Kids & Youth Evening Activities

Remember the Lord's Prayer daily at noon. Matthew 6:9-13

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01 Carly Bryant 02 Blake Wright 03 Kellie Layton 04 Howard McCutchen 04 Kyle Wright 05 Christine Sumner 05 George Armstrong 07 Rob Reynolds 08 Becky Blalock 08 Carol Reimer 08 Abby Schmidt 09 Beth Watson 09 Ray Walden 09 Avery Hammon 10 Donna Cleveland 13 Elizabeth Durham 14 Susan Harding



- 15 Karen Screws
- 15 Annette Wayne
- 15 Morgan Butler
- 15 Melisha Hambrick
- 15 Grace Anderton
- 15 Ron Kane
- 15 Lesley Latham
- 16 Thomas Cash
- 16 Janet McGahey
- 16 Evan Hammon
- 18 Bobby Browder
- 18 Allen Webb
- 18 Chelsea Holder
- 19 Easton Foster
- 18 Ron Leighton
- 18 Linda Rogers
- 19 Pattie Stewart



- 20 Taylor Sims
- 20 Caitlyn Crocker
- 21 Barb Rogers
- 21 Brittany Wilson
- 22 Jacey Carter
- 24 Scott Eidson
- 24 Martha Lou Wright
- 25 Mackenzie Hass
- 26 David Campbell
- 26 Tom Esslinger
- 26 Emily Brickley
- 26 Dale Champagne
- 27 Betty Winkle
- 29 Justin Mayhew
- 30 John Paul Campbell
- 30 Emma Stewart
- 30 Olivia Watson

Happy Birthday!



2nd - George & Lisa Armstrong 8th - Woodson & Carolyn Deerman 17th -Shane & Elizabeth White 19th - Mike Anno & Jane Cash 22nd - Dale & Londa Champagne

Be sure to send in your wedding anniversary dates to susan@fumcscottsboro.org or call us at 256-574-2545.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A Miscellaneous Bridal Shower HONORING Savannah Latham Sarurday April 6th 2400PM to 4400PM First United Methadiat Church 1105 S. Broad Street Sconahoro, Alahama The bride is registered at: Lawren's Gibs - Hameville, AL Place of the Point Gills Shop - Albany, GA The Gregoryine Guis - Semishner, AL

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MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS (02/28 to 03/26/2024)

MEMORIALS:

CALDWELL DAWSON FUND

In Memory of Lisa Hambrick Barfoot By Kim & Ladue Fossett and Maxine Cook

In Memory of Irene Gist By Kim & Ladue Fossett and Maxine Cook

In Memory of Edith Hambrick By Kim & Ladue Fossett and Maxine Cook

In Memory of Sharon Hodges By Kim & Ladue Fossett and Maxine Cook

In Memory of Jane Manning By Kim & Ladue Fossett and Maxine Cook

In Memory of Karla Weeks Mayhew By Kim & Ladue Fossett and Maxine Cook

In Memory of Vesta Lou Skelton By Kim & Ladue Fossett and Maxine Cook

In Memory of Bob Word By Kim & Ladue Fossett and Maxine Cook

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FUND

In Memory John Haislip By Jo Haynes

THE CHILDREN'S PLACE FUND

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Ward By Larry Ward

GENERAL FUND

In Memory of Lisa Barfoot By Glenda Beard

In Memory of Suzie Bodah By Gene & Mary K. Carlton

In Memory of Shirley Smith By Deon & Judy Smith

MUSIC FUND

In Memory of Helen Doss Geesey By Gene & Mary K. Carlton

YOUTH FUND

In Memory of Lisa Barfoot By Gene & Mary K. Carlton

YOUTH-DISCOVERY WEEKEND FUND

In Memory of Lisa Barfoot By Harvey & Carol Reimer

HONORARIUMS:

GENERAL FUND

In Honor of Jack Livingston By Jim & Nancy Campbell

In Honor of Steve Livingston By Jim & Nancy Campbell